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Sino Indian Border
USIB file
U-2 file

10 April 1964

MEMORANDUM FOR: Chairman, United States Intelligence Board
SUBJECT: Requirements for the Sino-Indian Border
REFERENCE: USIB-D-41.14/108 (COMOR-D-25/77)

1. On 26 February (see reference), the United States Intelligence Board in connection with its consideration of current needs for U-2 coverage of the Far East paid specific attention to the need for coverage of the Sino-Indian Border area. The Board concluded that the Sino-Indian Border along with other areas of China should be covered by reconnaissance as soon as possible. It noted in that connection the approaching period of bad weather in the Sino-Indian Border and other relevant operational factors.

2. At its meeting on 9 April, COMOR received its Photo Working Group's evaluation of the results of [redacted] 25X1
which covered the NEFA Area [redacted] 25X1

3. That mission covered three of the primary targets out of 18 which are scattered along the Border, an area about 1500 miles long. In addition, there were eight secondary targets covered.

4. A summary of the intelligence evaluation as derived from this mission as it related to Sino-Indian Border problems is



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attached at Tab A. The COMOR was in disagreement on whether the coverage obtained satisfied the requirement or whether the remaining targets need coverage urgently. The State Department, Army, Navy, NSA, and CIA were of the opinion that additional missions are not required at this time. The DIA and the Air Force believed that the requirement has not been satisfactorily met and that additional coverage at this time is necessary.

Recommendation

5. That further coverage of the Sino-Indian Border is not necessary at this time. *

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James Q. Reber
Chairman

Committee on Overhead Reconnaissance

Attachments

Tab A and B (B with cy 1 only)

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*The DIA and Air Force recommend that coverage of the remaining priority targets be obtained at this time.

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Tab A

Preliminary Summary of the Information
Derived from [redacted]

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Military Barracks Areas

1. Several important barracks areas were covered. Hsiakuan with two barracks areas, one containing 45 barracks and 50 storage and support buildings and another containing 25 barracks, is believed to be the location of the 42nd Infantry Division which is subordinate to the 14th Army whose headquarters is at Tali. The large barracks area at Ssumao, believed to house the 39th Division of the 13th Army, was again covered but no changes were observed since the last mission in May 1963. Mengla, near the Laos border, was covered. It is believed to be the location of the 11th Border Defense Regiment. It was previously photographed in the LAZY DAISY mission series [redacted]

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2. Several barracks areas in the Sino-Indian border area were photographed. These included those at Tsela Dzong, Kata, Sum Dzong, Shoka, and Chomo Dzong. The first two were covered previously [redacted] and the present mission showed no significant changes. This mission did provide details of the Chomo Dzong area which was identified only in the November Mission. It comprises three areas of military activity

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Tab A

all of which are relatively small. In one area, eight barracks appear to be under construction as well as two other buildings. There are also approximately 25 miscellaneous buildings and 25 tents. At Sum Dzong, a barracks area comprising about 40 barracks and a few support buildings was disclosed.

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